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A WATER-NYMPH.

I sing a water-nymph: not one who sports
In lake or river,
With sea-green glance and siren tones, and
Form of airy lightness.
My nymph dwells on the earth, and sun and
Fair-tinted gentian vie her
Gold for her hair, blue for her eyes, and
Much of grace and brightness.

Her laugh is music, and her voice the sweetest that ever
Sang simple songs with many a quaint and
Bird-like quiver laden;
And her free step, when to and from the well
She trips, was never
Excelled, not even in the dance, by any
Other maiden.

And as—it's almost every day that's sunny—
She is splashing
Among the minor waves, the foam reflects
Her smiling glances,
An Iris shining bursts breaks, with fairy
Rainbows fits hither,
And to her slender fingers clings, or round
Them swirls and dances.

Her arms would make a sculptor wild when,
Bending them above her,
She hangs upon the lines the clothes just
Wrung from the wet water,
And I, who never loved [illegible], confess
With pride I love her,
My pretty earth-born water-nymph, my
Washerwoman's daughter.

—*Margaret Eytinge in Harper's Weekly.*

DEATH IN BENARES.

The Heartless Offices Performed by Venerable Brahmans.

Hermits Cast Into the Ganges—Bodies Burned and the Valuables Raked from the Ashes—A Talk with Two Native Students.

Benares—please do not call it *Ben Aires*, it is pronounced Bunn-ah-russ, with the accent on the second syllable—Benares is an ancient and, in some respects, an interesting, even fascinating, city. The ghats along the river are my favorite promenades. In the evening I am sure to find a curious crowd assembled there. The native noblemen are conspicuous among their followers by the bright-colored silks and satins that they wear. One sees more of Oriental magnificence at Benares than in any Indian city under direct British control. In the native states, however, where the rulers are not unostentatious blackcoats, but Princes who, when they dress at all, dress like Solomon in all his glory, there is much more gaiety and display. No one can form any idea of the picturesque side of Eastern life who has not visited Haidarabad in the Deccan, or one of the great Rajput capitals. Benares is a city of the Brahmans, and one will not often observe here that superb mixture of pride and politeness, the frank and gallant bearing that everywhere characterizes the Rajput (kshatriya or warrior), who is the true gentleman of India, however the Brahman or Kayasth "babu" may arrogate that title. Here on the ghats at Benares, however, I meet with great courtesy from all, from the fat Rajá waddling by in his flowing silk robes to the poor washerman spreading his clothes out to dry on the mud of the river bank.

I was walking along the ghats last night with two young students, a tribe very common in this city, and gathered from all parts of India. One was named Srishti—followed by a great many syllables which I can not remember; the other Bhutta—with other strange sounds that I failed to catch. These two discussed Hindu theology with me as we strolled along, and, in the true Babu fashion, insisted on talking English, though they did not know it very well. One would begin a sentence and stick fast in the middle of it; the other would carry it on till the first got his breath again, after which they would finish it in chorus. What they meant, however, was always rather uncertain. They knew a great deal, these young Babus; they knew that Christopher Columbus discovered America, and could tell how many wives Henry VIII. had, and what he did with them all. Nevertheless, they accepted these statements with a certain reserve. For instance, the Puranas said that the world consisted of one great continent, Jambu Dwipa. Now, if America existed there must be two continents. Hence it seemed likely that Christopher Columbus had been laboring under a hallucination, and that America was a fiction after all. This conclusion I, being an American, refused to consider as final. Probably, I said, America was Suvarna, the Golden Land, which (again according to the Puranas) lies beyond the Black Water (the ocean.) This rash theory they refused to accept without confirmative evidence. "Was there gold in America?" they asked, and when I said there was a great deal, they were happy and began to form a more favorable opinion of Christopher Columbus. We did not get on as well in theology. When I asked them if they were worshipers of Vishnu or Siva, they became mysterious. Shiv (Siva) they said was every where; they were Shiv, I was Shiv, "even that dog, mangy though he might be, was Shiv." "My Elder is informationed to this from Kunnelcut," said Bhutta, by which I understood him to say that his elder brother had learned these pantheistic ideas from our countryman, Colonel Olcott, the prophet of Esoteric Buddhism. Kunnelcut was, he added, a very wise man, but not, he thought, a high-caste Brahman, as people said. He asked me if Kunnelcut wore the sacred thread round his neck, but I was unable to say.

Meanwhile we passed the Mosque of Aurangzeb, high on the cliff above. Its minarets, though only one hundred and fifty feet high, seemed to tower in infinite distance up into the sky, and I could hardly believe that I had climbed up to that dizzy point a few days before. Further on was the little pool of greasy water with steps leading down to it, which is said to be the sweat of Vishnu, and a great bathing place. Above it were the high, dark-red spires of the Nepalese temple, the largest in Benares, with gilt flags flying at the top—they fly all the time, in windy weather or quiet, being merely triangular sheets of tin. Then we came to the Burning Ghat, where the bodies of the dead are cremated. With unusual frankness for Babus, my friends remarked that the Western custom of burial, which I described to them, was a very barbarous idea. "But that is what you do with your Jogis" (hermits), I said in self-defense. They told me, however, that along the Ganges the Jogis are not buried, but thrown into the river, and in proof of this fact showed me further on two stone coffins, boxes about four feet square of strong slabs of freestone, empty now, but ready to receive the bodies of two Jogis. These men had prophesied their own death at an early day. When they died they would be crammed into these stone boxes and sunk deep into the Ganges.

Returning to the Burning Ghat, I saw that they had heaped wood into two square masses about eight feet long and four wide and high. At the edge of the river the bodies they were going to burn lay covered with sheets on rope bedsteads, half in and half out of the water. Two white-haired Brahmans officiated; the corpse may not be touched by any other hand than theirs. They had removed all clothing but a waistcloth, and their gaunt, withered forms and callous, immobile faces seemed appropriate to the work they had to do. When they had piled the wood to their satisfaction, they threw the sheet from one of the bodies—that of a man as old as themselves, and dragged it carelessly, as one may drag a log of wood, and threw it on the pyre. Owing to its long soaking in the water its rigidity was gone, and it fell in a limp mass, one arm, however, gradually sinking down on one side with a ghastly mimicry of life. They piled more wood on the poor dishonored corpse, and then the daughter of the dead man, a woman wholly shrouded in a great white veil, rose from where she had been sitting unperceived. She lifted her veil and showed a colorless face of the pale yellow Brahman complexion, and a shining head just shaved in token of mourning. "Hail to the fire of the funeral pile," she said, and walking three times round it carrying a wisp of lighted grass in her hand, she set fire to the wood. Then she threw in a handful of sesame-seed and poured little saucers of oil and ghee upon the growing flames, and returning to her place sat down quietly and covered her head again. One of the Brahmans now sprinkled a little earth and a few drops of water on the fire, and marched round and round it, rapidly muttering words which I could not understand, nor could he. I think it was the ancient Sanskrit "Farewell to the Dead" that he was saying, but it was only a form to him, and he could have had little perception of the pathetic grandeur of the words he was gabbling so carelessly. "Go, O Man, unto the Earth, the wide and holy Earth. And do thou, O Earth, receive him as a friend with sweet greeting; gather him tenderly to thy bosom; enfold him as a mother wraps her child in her robe."

"Here now it is bad fragrance," said Srishti, as the smoke rolled our way and brought a bitter smell of burning flesh with it. Even the lean dogs recognized it, and awakening from their drowsiness rose and sniffed the "bad fragrance" with glittering eyes. The Brahmans seemed to like it too, the old vultures, crouched down close to the fire and talked with something like cheerfulness. The girl sat apart quite motionless, hidden by her veil. A little later one of the old men rose, and went to another great fire which must have been burning there for several hours. I had forgotten that this too must contain a corpse, and was the more shocked when, raking with his staff in the embers, he exposed a naked skull, part of it scorched, part gleaming white. Raising his stick he deliberately shattered this relic of mortality with a heavy blow, and covering it up once more with the hot coals, returned to his seat. The people had now formed a staring, laughing, unfeeling ring about the performers. At the high palace windows above I could see the faces of women looking down; this was their dissipation, poor prisoners; rather an old story to them, but still amusing. The newly-lighted funeral pile blazed higher and higher, the wide yellow beach and the sunny fields beyond the river danced with the quivering of the hot air rising from it. The other had now burned low, and at last the two Brahmans came to it prepared for work. I had hoped that there would be nothing worse here than the little white bones that turned up occasionally as they drew the brands away and swept aside the glowing ashes. But it seemed that there had not been wood enough to consume the body entirely. For, as Keats says of a somewhat similar search, "at last they found the kernel of the grave," and a horrible mass of something half charred came to the surface and was tossed into the water. A dreadful odor of death filled all the place, and accompanied by a clamorous crowd of kites and crows that wretched remnant of what had once been a fellow-being floated down the river.

This, however, was not the end; after the tragedy came the farce. The two men grew less apathetic, and worked with a certain eagerness. They took away all the larger cinders and the half-burned sticks, and then began pouring water on the remaining heap of ashes. This was gradually carried away by the stream of water, and when it was mostly gone they began searching as a rag-picker searches in a dust-heap. It seemed that the body had been that of a woman. According to custom, she had been burned with all her bracelets and bangles on her arms and ankles, and these were the perquisites of the Brahmans, who were washing the ashes to find them, just as Californian miners wash the sand of a stream to find gold. And presently one of them came to me holding forth a lump of mixed silver and copper, and in a whining tone begged me to buy it.

A little dazed by all this, I followed my Babu friends to Man Singh's Observatory, which was not far away. It was built in 1693 by Jai Singh, Raja of Amber or Jaipur in Rajputana, a statesman and an astronomer of great celebrity. The observatory is usually called by the name of his father, Man Singh, the great Rajput-General of Akbar, who, though a Hindu of Hindus, conquered for his Mahometan master all the way from Kabul and Khoten on the west to Assam and Arakan on the east, and among other things is said to have built and presented a hundred thousand temples to this city of Benares.

At the observatory was gathered a crowd of young natives, whom the custodian was showing round the place. The cool air at the top of the building, the beautiful view over the high old houses around it, the river and the green country beyond, somewhat restored me. Nevertheless, I have but a vague recollection of all the things they so carefully pointed out to me, and I went away with sextants, azimuths, mural quadrants, sundials and so on, very much mixed up in my mind with the image of that something floating down the river fought for by the kites and crows.—*Benares Cor. N. Y. Tribune.*

CITY LIFE.

Why It Proves Fatal to Individuality and the Sweeter Emotions.

The tremendous growth of cities is one of the most striking phases of modern civilization. London already boasts a population of nearly 4,000,000 and the great English metropolis still grows with the rapidity which characterizes our Western towns. Paris continues to absorb a vast proportion of the wealth and energies of France. New York will soon be to America what London is to England. On both sides of the Atlantic numerous cities of the second rank constitute arenas in which the great battle of life is fought with pitiless rivalry and savage intensity. The proper and adequate government of great cities presents one of the gravest problems of the time; for, behind all the splendor of the metropolis, there stalks the specter of the mob, whose fury is ever estimated by the contrast between boundless luxury and hopeless squalor.

Of course, this phase of human life is almost as old as the race itself, but innumerable circumstances have conspired to intensify the strain of city life in our money-getting age. The means of intercommunication are so perfect that the denizen of the modern metropolis seems to throb with all the activities of the [illegible] beyond. The necessities of [illegible] seem more imperious [illegible] ever seemed before. Little [illegible] for thought, action has almost [illegible] the cause, rather than the [illegible]. In the modern city, "plain living and high [illegible] a bitter struggle for a [illegible] dency is toward the profuse and vulgar ostenation which [illegible] the train of superabundant wealth. Cities more frequently than in the days of comparative calm of county life is presented the perplexing problem which Thackeray has crystallized in the phrase, "How to live on nothing a year," and the desire to solve this problem lies at the bottom of the frantic speculation which attracts eager thousands to the world's great commercial exchanges.

The importance of the city to the development of civilization is not to be denied. It is in the great centers of population that the triumphs of human genius are most readily recognized and most munificently rewarded. In cities money will command luxuries which the country can not give us at any price. Polish of manner, taste in dress, cosmopolitan tolerance of opinion, quickness and penetration of thought are the logical consequences of the daily rivalry of great bodies of men. Yet, after all that can be said in favor of cities, it remains undeniably true that the essential truth and beauty of life are to be found beyond the limits of unyielding brick and mortar. A vast proportion of the world's poetry has been written in cities, but the true poet's heart is always in the green fields and by the gentle streams which he has known in other days. The country air seems to possess a finer essence that fills the heart with nobler impulses than are to be felt by him who treads the pavement in his round of ceaseless toil. The most splendid pile can rouse in the soul no such sense of beauty as that which stirs us when we see the mountains standing out against the matchless background of the sky, and the weary toiler will seek in vain, within the city's confines, for the perfect rest which comes to him who hears the murmer of the winds as they stir the fragrant pines. City life is luxurious and splendid, but it is almost invariably fatal to individuality and to the sweeter emotions which give to existence the only enduring charm.—*N. O. Times-Democrat.*

ABOUT PETRIFACTION.

A Scientific Journal's Opinion Concerning Petrified Flesh.

Stories of frogs and toads inclosed in solid rock and other fables of the same nature frequently appear in the daily and weekly papers. One not dissimilar, though vastly more absurd, of the finding of two living bats imbedded in a solid lump of bituminous coal from a coal mine in Maryland is now going the rounds, and will probably not rest till the press from Maine to California has given publication to it. There was said to have been no crevice admitting the entrance of these wonderful bats, and that there was a clearly formed impression left by them. The inference—no, the only "conclusion"—is that these hoary chiropterans are living remnants of the coal-forming age. It was not long ago that just such a story was told of an ancient toad in another coal mine, only this time the carboniferous batrachian had become, as was naturally expected, very much desiccated. It is very strange with what persistence such myths and fables retain their hold on popular credence. Men of high intelligence will aver their belief in petrified human bodies, and we have known a shrewd business man to exhibit what he firmly believed was a large mass of fossil buffalo flesh, sinews, muscles, blood and all. What more natural thing could there be than the finding of a toad or bat, dead, hibernating or motive, in the crevices of a coal mine? and yet, doubtless, to one wholly unacquainted with geological and zoological principles, a carboniferous fossil fish or living bat seems equally inexplicable and wonderful. Such fanciful flights of imagination might pass unnoticed were they not so industriously circulated in the columns of even the highest class of metropolitan newspapers.—*Science.*

POSSESSION.

The desire of possession, as natural to every one, would perhaps be almost unlimited, and certainly beyond measure criminating, if a truer notion prevailed as to the real value of the things desired. The value of anything can not be measured by its cost or price alone; otherwise the fresh air, cool water and bright sunshine would be valueless. Two main elements enter into the real value of things; one is their intrinsic power of producing health, happiness and life, the other the power of the possessor to use them for that purpose. Only so far as the latter exists and is put forth can the former be made manifest. Steam was once used for nothing. Now it is one of man's most valued agencies. It always had the same usable forces that it now possesses, but until the human capacity to employ it was developed, it passed into the air unprized and unheeded. So soil and seed possess an inherent power of sustaining life, but if they are not brought into contact with each other they are practically valueless.

In such cases this truth is recognized, but in the matter of every-day expenditures, and still more in that of everyday desires, it is very much overlooked. To be sure, the blind man does not covet pictures, nor the deaf man buy musical instruments, unless it is to give them to those who can see and hear. Yet many who are blessed with their senses do purchase, if they can, and covet, if they can not, things that are nearly as useless to them. Take the matter of food, for example. Its value depends, not only in its own power of promoting health and vigor, but in its intelligent use of it, in quantity, quality and preparation, so as to accomplish this result. Just as much of it as the system needs, of the kinds best adapted for its development and combined in healthful proportions, is of real value to the consumer. All else that is eaten is worse than wasted, it is positively detrimental. Yet how little do these considerations govern people in the market or at the well-spread table! Much of what is thus consumed, after great expense and labor, is destitute of any permanent value; much of it actually deadens and shortens the life it is supposed to nourish.

[illegible] with dress. The fabrics people buy [illegible] an intrinsic power of comforting [illegible] gratifying humanity, but not until [illegible] selected, made and worn with [illegible] reference to these objects is this [illegible] effective operation. Yet let fashion [illegible] a sacrifice of both at her shrine, [illegible] willingly bow in submission; and to exactly what extent is choice of clothing valueless. So with dwellings and furniture. They are often procured without the ability to extract from them a tithe of their real value. The house is too large [illegible] means and the furniture for [illegible] use; the expensive parlors must be counterbalanced [illegible] bare and comfortless chambers; [illegible] is consistent, then perhaps [illegible] care of it involves more service than can be afforded, and the wife's strength is overtaxed, or the burden of expense falls too heavily on the husband's resources, and care, debt and misery are the result. Many persons buy books or pictures or other works of art, although quite unable to derive either the instruction or the pleasure they are capable of bestowing. If they are generous, and allow them to be freely used by those who can appreciate them, it is well; otherwise they are preventing the good they might do by locking them up where they can do none.

Such a view would not depress trade or discourage industry. It would rather direct both into better channels, and, by preventing waste, increase the real wealth of the country. It would also stimulate self-improvement in the direction of learning how to make the most and the best of whatever is possessed. And, while teaching a wise economy, it would also teach a wise generosity. For to extract the full value of any thing, as many persons as possible should profit by it. Some things that are held selfishly could be made valuable to many [illegible] diminishing their value to the owner. Much that is now wastefully and often injuriously used would give life and happiness to hundreds if only directed by benevolent wisdom. We do not here allude to *giving*, which is by no means an unmixed good, but rather to the opening up of opportunities to those who need them, and especially to the diffusion of such knowledge and the awakening of such desires as will enable men to use to the best advantage whatever they possess. It is this knowledge, this ability and these desires that will make a man truly rich—far more than any amount of locked-up treasures or of enervating luxuries; for this, while enriching all that he has, will also enrich his own power and character, and make his life and influence a blessing to society.—*Christian Union.*

House Where Robert Burns Died.

The house in Dumfries in which Robert Burns died has been recently repaired in consequence of its dilapidated condition. For some reason or other the woodwork of the bedroom in which the poet breathed his last was removed. This has been secured by Mr. Elliot Stock, who proposes to bind in it the fac-similes of the first edition of "Burns' Poems" which he is about to publish, and of the surplus to make cabinets in which to issue the large-paper copies of the reprint.—*Tribune.*

Not Worried About the Dog.

A cute little girl of 3 is the delight of a Washington boulevard family for her prettiness as well as for the bright and odd things she says. The other day a company of militia passed down the street in front of her home, and her minute black-and-tan barked furiously through the window pane at them. The little girl arose in alarm and said: "Shut the door, mamma! Fido will bite the army!"—*Chicago News.*

The "Sink" of the San Lorenzo.

A veritable "sink," akin to that of the Humboldt river, in Nevada, is in process of formation at the mouth of the San Lorenzo in California. Where formerly a large stream cut its way through the shifting sands to the ocean, but a small stream, easily stepped over, can be seen.—*Chicago Times.*

SONOMA VALLEY TRIBUNE.

SONOMA, JULY 17, 1886.

Communications upon matters of local or general interest solicited.

Communications designed to call attention to any matter of limited or individual interest will not be inserted unless paid for as an advertisement.

The author's real name must accompany all communications, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith. Rejected matter will not be returned.

THE MEXICAN WAR SOLDIERS' PENSION BILL.

The House bill, providing for payment of a pension to the soldiers of the Mexican War, passed the United States Senate on Monday last, and committees of conference have been appointed by the Senate and House to harmonize upon the Senate amendments. There is but little doubt but that it will become a law as it is understood that President Cleveland will sign the bill.

NINE car loads of excursionists from San Francisco went up to Glen Ellen on Sunday last. We are told that the excursionists had a jolly time and returned to their homes in the evening, well pleased with the day's recreation.

A FIRE in a grain field, near Merced, on Friday of last week, while the hands were at dinner, destroyed a header and header-wagon and burned over a considerable area of grain and stubble before it was subdued.

JUSTICE FIELD of the United States Supreme Court is reported very ill in London, England, and his friends in New York and Washington are much alarmed, as his illness is of a very serious nature.

THE Directors of the Grape-Growers and Wine-Makers' Association are about to issue a directory containing statistics of the entire grape industry of the State, including acreage in vines.

THE U. S. Senate has passed the House bill pensioning soldiers of the Mexica[illegible] war eight dollars per month, will [illegible] the old vete[illegible] from the date of passage of the bill.

VACAVILLE is in luck this year, the table grapes raised there being contracted for at $90 and $100 per ton, delivered in the vineyard, and peaches at $80, boxes furnished by the purchaser.

THERE is little crime committed in the county of late, as appears from the fact that the Superior Court calendar is unburdened with criminal cases.

A CHINAMAN at Merced is shipping potatoes, raised on the Merced river, by the carload to El Paso, Texas, where they bring two cents per pound.

JUDGE ROSS has again presented his resignation as Justice of the Supreme Court, to take effect October 1st.

THE CITY COUNCIL of Petaluma succeeded in locating the site for their new City Hall.

CHOLERA is raging to a fearful extent in many towns in Italy, and spreading rapidly.

HEALDSBURG will ship about 2,000,000 pounds of wool this season.

GUERNEYVILLE was partially destroyed by fire on Thursday of last week.

THE Sacsamento "Bee" has entered upon its sixtieth volume.

Killed by an Indian.

J. D. Merwin, of Oakland recently rented the ranch known as the Ham place near Booneville. Friday, a week ago, while riding along in his wagon accompanied by his son, he was shot through the back and instantly killed by an Indian, who had secreted himself behind a log. The Indian on being arrested confessed the deed, stating his only object was to hear the man yell. It was afterward learned that Merwin had forbidden the Indian crossing the grain field, and this was the way the Indian took revenge. The murderer is now confined in the Ukiah jail.—[Cloverdale Reveille.

GENERAL IRRIGATION BENEFICIAL TO ALL INTERESTS.

Irrigation, in the great valley of the San Joaquin and other districts where it is practiced upon an extensive scale, has resulted in building up and creating great wealth to riparian claimants as well as enriching the irrigators. Men who were owners of large tracts of land bordering upon the lakes of Tulare, Kern and Buena Vista, and along the banks and swamp lands of the San Joaquin river, twenty years ago, though they had the advantage of the great plains surrounding their possessions and the adjacent mountains for grazing lands for their herds of cattle, horses and sheep without taxation or rents, yet their lands and stock were comparatively profitless, as there was no demand for their products and the small sums they were compelled to raise annually to pay taxes upon their lands and stock were burdensome, notwithstanding lands were assessed at Government prices or less, and horses and cattle at nominal valuations. In the past fifteen years, however, the grassy plains and fertile foothills, made productive by innumerable ditches and cannls tapping the snow-fed streams flowing from the mountains to the lakes and valley streams, caused a heavy influx of settlers into the valleys, thriving towns and cities to spring up and take the place of the old cattle ranges and rodeo grounds, creating demand for land and raising prices from one dollar up to $20, $50 and $100 per acre and upwards, making millionaires of the men who had previously been considered "land poor" and who complained that the inconsiderable sums they were compelled to pay for taxes upon unproductive lands and wages to vacqueros and herders grievously burdensome. Irrigation and the consequent enhancement of prices of real estate, has created more wealth in the State in the past twenty years, than any other class of enterprise, encouraging trade and industry of every class and advancing prosperity throughout the State with unparalleled rapidity. Without dense population throughout the valleys and foothills of the State the rights now claimed by riparian owners would be of little value, and without irrigation to fertilize the arid soils of the great valleys and mountain and foot-hill lands, anything approximating a dense population in the State cannot be supported by the products of the soil, and the country would necessarily revert in most part to a pastoral region, dependent solely upon the old states and foreign countries for market for the few products of the country, and land, except in most favored regions, would become valueless and the population would degenerate to the lazy and indolent life proverbial of this coast at the time of the conquest forty years ago. The interests of riparian owners along the great streams of the coast are as much dependent for prosperity as are the merchant princes of the metropolis of the coast, upon the general prosperity of the States and Territories tributary to the Golden Gate are for the profits of business that have built up their great city and its suburban towns and created hundreds of millions of wealth along the borders of the Bay of San Francisco. The apparently conflicting interests if properly understood, ought to be harmonized and irrigators and riparianists permitted to enjoy their true and just rights, neither being permitted to "hog" all the water to the detriment of the interests of the other party.

Patents Granted.

The following patents were granted to citizens of the Pacific States during the past week, and reported expressly for the INDEX-TRIBUNE: M. Scholl, San Francisco, device for exterminating burrowing animals; E. Squires, Beaverton, carriage gear; J. D. Channell, Nevada City, belting; S. Devisme, Los Angeles, mechanical movement; A. Greth, San Francisco, whistle, match safe and cigar cutter; H. L. Harris, San Francisco, sign; and gas regulator; W. A. Jones, San Francisco, reflector; H. J. Noyes, San Francisco, bridle blind; J. Petithomme, Sacramento, car axle box.

COL. GEO. F. HOOPER of Sonoma Valley, has been elected a Vice-President of the Society of California Pioneers.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Executive Departments and the Clerks take a Holiday.

Mrs. Cleveland Makes Her Appearance in the House and Creates a Sensation.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, July 6, 1886.

The glorious Fourth coming on the fifth this year, it was celebrated at the Capital in the usual way. By direction of the President, orders had been issued closing the various Executive Departments, and the Government clerks had a holiday. Thousands betook themselves to the country picnicing, and thousands more went on short railroad excursions and excursions down the Potomac. Being debarred his sport on the fourth proper, because it was Sunday, the fire-cracker fiend began on Saturday evening making night hideous, and continued until silenced by the hour that ushered in the Sabbath. He began again at midnight on Monday and continued throughout the day.

The United States Senate celebrated the nation's birthday by taking a holiday, but the House of Representatives honored it by working hard on Appropriation bills. Secretary Whitney invited the employes of the Navy Department to celebrate the day with their families at his surburban residence on Georgetown Heights, where he provided a substantial lunch for them. The President spent the day, as usual, at his desk, and at four o'clock drove out to his country cottage with his wife. The Oldest Inhabitants Association held their annual meeting, at which the Declaration of Independence was read, and the day was brought to a close in the old way by a grand pyrotechnic display south of the White House.

Mrs. Cleveland made her first visit to the Capitol on Saturday. She visited the House first, and occupied a seat in the Executive gallery, accompanied by Mrs. Vilas, Mrs. Lamont and Captain Eads. While the party remained, it absorbed the attention of our lawmakers to the neglect of their business. Many Republican Members, whose seats were under the gallery, were prevented from seeing Mrs. Cleveland, and went over and took seats on the Democratic side where the view was unobstructed. The lady was very much annoyed by such scrutiny, and remained but a short time. When she arose to leave, not only did the galleries empty in order that the visitors might get near to her, but some members of the House, and quite a number of the House attaches followed her through the corridors to the door of the building in their effort to get a near view of her face and figure. Mrs. Cleveland's embarrassment at this unexpected and forced circus of herself was decidedly painful. She kept her eyes averted, while she flushed and paled alternately, and it was conceded even by those who subjected her to the ordeal that it was very ill-bred and objectionable treatment.

Mrs. Cleveland's pleasant ways continue to be a subject of favorable comment in all circles here. She is making many acquaintances at her regular Tuesday and Thursday receptions, which are held from twelve to one o'clock. Society people are complaining a little at the hour she has named. They would prefer it later in the afternoon, thus giving an opportunity for a more formal occasion. But that is just what the new mistress of the White House wants to avoid, and she makes but little preparation for them, coming down richly but simply attired. She has an easy self-possession and a great deal of small talk, which is a valuable faculty in entertaining casual visitors.

In regard to the monumental bridge with which it is proposed to connect Washington City and the National Cemetery at Arlington, just over the river, a Southern Senator expresses some new views. He was enthhsiastic in behalf of the project, but he wished to make it a monument to commemorate the reunion of the North and South rather than as an honor to individual citizens.

"Do you object," I asked, "to making this bridge a monument to Lincoln and Grant?"

"Not at all," was the reply, "if that is desired. In fact, I would much rather the proposed monuments to Lincoln and Grant should take that shape than to have unsightly monuments of Lincoln and Grant erected in the public parks—the one proposed on Rock Creek, for instance, to be called Lincoln Park, and the other on the reclaimed Potomac Flats to be called Grant Park, and both to be provided with monumental structures. Then I would dedicate the proposed bridge across the Potomac to the reunion of the North and South, and make it a grand structure worthy of these reunited peoples. But I shall not object, for one, to the construction of this monumental bridge in honor of Lincoln and Grant.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

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G. Rose, San Francisco		H L Conrad, San Fran'o	
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Mrs. Pratt & dtr	do	R M Cuvet	do
G W Evanch & w	do	A Magee,	do
Miss Keane	do	M T Brown,	do
W. R Slocik	do	T H Nelson,	do
K Formes & w	do	T W Nelson,	no
T Garbeley	do	J Dinkelspeel	do
T Juisand	do	W B Smith.	do
P Descalso & f	do	A Stangenberger	do
Ed Livernash	do	Mrs McCarty & 2	do
P M Magee	do	N L Nielsen,	Napa
S T Bowe	do	Fred Junck,	do
Mr Breig	do	A H Conkling,	do
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ATTENTION, REPUBLICANS!

Primary Election--County Convention.

At a meeting of the Republican Central Committee of Sonoma County, held in the city of Santa Rosa, Saturday, June 26th, to provide for the holding of Primary Elections to elect Delegates to the County Convention, at which to choose Delegates to the State Convention at Los Angeles, Wednesday, August 25th, ensuing, it was ordered that the Primary Elections be held in the several precincts of the county, Saturday, August 7th; that the County Convention meet in Santa Rosa Wednesday, August 11th, to choose thirteen Delegates to the State Convention and a new County Central Committee; and that the Convention then adjourn to a subsequent day to nominate candidates for county officers—a full ticket.

The basis of representation and qualification of voters at the Primaries were thus ordered: Representation—One Delegate for each 50 votes cast for Blaine and Logan Electors; One Delegate for each fraction of 50 over 25 voters, and one Delegate for every precinct which cast less than 25 votes. Qualification—The test at the Primaries for voters shall be: "Did you vote for Blaine and Logan, or, would you have done so had you voted!"

Sonoma	4	Occidental	1
Glen Ellen	1	Healdsburg	7
Elmore	2	Russian River	2
Donahue	1	Cloverdale	3
Petaluma	11	Geyserville	1
Santa Rosa No. 1	7	Kellogg	1
Santa Rosa No. 2	6	Soda Rock	1
Fulton	1	Duncan's Mills	1
Bloomfield	2	Austin	1
Forestville	1	Stewart's Point	1
Sebastopol	3	Table Mountain	1
Bodega	1	Timber Cove	1
Freestone	1	Redwood	3
Total			65

JAMES P. GANNON, Ch'n pro tem.
R. D. CANNON, Secretary. 1td.

LAND NOTICE.

LAND OFFICE AT SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 14, 1886.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at said Land Office, on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1886, viz: GEORGE C. RAWSON, homestead application, No. 4,486, for the N W ¼ of Sec 25, T. 6, N, R. 6 W, M. D. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz:

Benjamin Cook, Edward S. Reed, Peter Norbom and Wm. D. Queen, all of Sonoma P. O., Sonoma county, Cal. WM. R. WHEATON, Register.

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LAND OFFICE AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, July 8, 1886.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver of said Land Office, on TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 1886, viz: CHARLES D. STUART, Homestead Application, No. 4,132, for the lots 4 and 5, Sec. 14, lots 11, 12, 16, 16, 17 and S. E. ¼ of N. E. ¼ Sec. 15, T. 6, N., R. 6, W., M. D. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land viz:

Robert J. Hill, James P. Hamilton, C. H. Hartwell and John Gibson, of Glen Ellen P. O., all of Sonoma Co., Cal. WM. R. WHEATON, Register.

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James Martin has returned to Sonoma and has gone to work in the blacksmith shop.

Call at the Union Hotel and get one dozen bottles Fredericksburg Salvator Beer for $2 25. +

The family of John Tivnen, accompanied by Dave Callaway, have been spending the past week in Sacramento.

Dr. F. McTaggart moved his family to San Francisco on Friday of last week, where they will reside for the future.

The past week has been the hottest of the season, the thermometer on seveal occasions registering over 100 degrees.

The Union Hotel is doing a rushing business Don't forget that this hotel is becoming more popular every day. *

If you have eggs for sale, take them to Christie's Egg Depot. He pays the highest market price for them—cash, down. *

Rev. E. H. King will preach in the M. E. Church to-morrow (Sunday) at 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sabbath school at 10 A. M.

A new bedstead and top mattress for $4, at Badger's Agua Caliente Store. All furniture very cheap. Staple groceries still cheaper, best lard 10cts. *

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Solicitor of Patents, F. O. McCleary of Washington, D. C., says the only thing that did him any good, when suffering with a severe cough of several weeks standing, was Red Star Cough Cure, which is purely vegetable and free from opiates and poison.

"Bowen's Budget," Fort Plain, N. Y., for March, 1886, says: In the multiplicity of medicines placed upon the market, it is sometimes difficult to distinguish between the meritorious and the worthless. There are at least two excellent remedies widely used, the efficiency of which are unquestioned. We refer to St. Jacobs Oil and Red Star Cough Cure.

The Agua Caliente Springs Hotel, having been enlarged and refurnished is now one of the most elegant and attractive summer and winter resorts on the coast. Visitors will find the house supplied with every modern convenience, and no pains will be spared to make their stay pleasant and comfortable. Prices to correspond with the dull times. *

Rev. Dr. Snowden of San Jose, engaged in Sabbath School work, lectured in the Methodist church, here, last Sunday evening, to a crowded house. In addition to the lecture, assisted by the sciopticon, the pastor gave an exhibition of interesting views of scenes in Bible lands, and our Yo Semite Valley. The lecturer is an intelligent gentleman, engaged in a good work, and we were pleased to see so large an attendance upon short notice to hear him lecture and see the interesting views exhibited in Sonoma. On leaving here Dr. Snowden pursued his way up the valley via Agua Caliente Springs Hotel and Glen Ellen.

One day this week a band of roaming Gypsies made their appearance at the farm of Al Griffith, on the Napa road, a few miles from Sonoma. The Gypsies sought admission to the house, but Mrs. G. being alone with her children, ordered them off the place. Shortly after the oldest child was missing and a thorough search failed to discover its whereabouts, and it was thought it had been kidnapped by the Gypsies. A messenger was thereupon dispatched to this place for an officer, who, after arriving at the place, immediately set about searching for the lost child. To the surprise and joy of its parents, and when the hunt was about to be given up as hopeless, the child was found sound asleep in an apple-box in the store house.

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I. O. O. F. Installation.

A very interesting meeting of Sonoma Lodge No. 28, I. O. O. F., was held at Odd Fellows' Hall, Sonoma, on Saturday evening, last, July 10th. Besides the routine business the Third Degree was conferred. The work was exemplified perfectly and in a very impressive manner by the retiring officers, this being the last meeting of the term. The installing officer, Bro. D. D. G. M., J. H. Miller being present, installed the following brothers as officers for the ensuing term: N. G., M. F. Turley; V. G., J. E. Poppe; R. S.; H. E. Lutgens; Treas., R. B. Lyon, P. S., J. H. Albertson.

Installation of Officers of Rebekah Degree Lodge.

Verdant Rebekah Degree Lodge, No. 99, I. O. O. F., held their regular meeting on Wednesday evening, July 14th, at Odd Fellows' Hall, Sonoma. Full attendance of members and a large number of visitors. Seven new members were initiated. Bro. J. H. Miller, D. D. G. M., assisted by M. F. Turley, acting G. M.; P. C. Hines, G. W.; H. C. Lutgens, G. S., installed the following officers for ensuing term: W. P. Wilson, N. G.; Miss Rose Wilson, V. G.; Wm. Trudgeon, R. S.; J. H. Albertson, F. S.; Miss Alice Norcross, T.

Grand Officers' Visit to Eastern Star.

Mrs. Abbie Wood, Grand Matron of the State, accompanied by Mrs. Denman, Deputy District Grand Matron, and a delegation of fifteen members from Morning Star Chapter of Petaluma, and also a number of representatives from San Francisco Chapters, together with Mrs. Flint, Past Grand Matron of the State, paid Valley of the Moon Chapter a visit on Friday evening of last week. At the conclusion of the visit a banquet was served in the hall. The visit is said to have been an exceedingly pleasant affair.

Clay Literary Society.

At a regular meeting of Clay Literary Society, held in Sonoma on Monday evening, 12th inst.. the following were elected officers for the ensuing term: C. H. Ward, President; B. F. Campbell, Vice Pres't; Miss Rose Wilson, Sec.; Charles Fontana, As't Sec.; J. J. Wystyrk, Treas.; Dr. J. B. McMahan, Librarian; Miss Etta Raschen, As't Librarian; Miss Natalie Hope, Chorister; Ed. L. Tripp, Sergeant-at-Arms.

K. of P. Installation.

[Imprint.]

E. J. Mullin, District Deputy K. of P., accompanied by F. Erlich, W. Stone, H. Raschen and W. P. Wilson, all of Sonoma, paid Petaluma Lodge No. 100, K. of P., a visit last evening, and installed the following officers, elected for the ensuing term: J. W. Hoag, C. C.; J. M. Kill, V. C.; P. A. P. Atkins, Prelate; H. R. Huntington, Master-at-Arms; W. Magee, I. G.; R. Alexander, O. G.

Sonoma District School.

The public school of Sonoma will be opened on Monday next, the 19th inst., with the following teachers: Mrs. F. McG. Martin, Principal; Miss Della Clayton, Intermediate department; Miss Natalie Hope, Primary department. The teachers are popular with parents and pupils and the attendance is large considering the number of children of school age in the district.

The Carriger Party.

The party which took place at the residence of M. A. Carriger, on Saturday evening last, was a pleasant affair and was enjoyed by those present, young and old, until midnight, when, after a sumptuous repast, all retired to their homes bearing pleasant recollections of the entertainment.

Editorial Call.

Mrs. Carrie Stevens Walter, editor of the "Ladies Home Journal," San Francisco, called at this office on Saturday last. We are very sorry that we were absent in the country at the time and thereby missed a pleasant visit.

Excitement in Texas.

Great excitement has been caused in the vicinity of Paris, Texas, by the remarkable recovery of Mr. J. E. Corley, who was so helpless he could not turn in bed, or raise his head; everybody said he was dying of Consumption. A trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery was sent him. Finding relief, he bought a large bottle and a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills; by the time he had taken two boxes of Pills and two bottles of the Discovery, he was well and had gained in flesh thirty-six pounds. Trial bottles of this Great Discovery for Consumption free at all Drug Stores. 2

A Wise Reform.

The habit of administeaing quinine in powerful doses, as an antidote to malarial maladies, was once dangerously common. Happily this practice has undergone a wide reform. Not only the public, but professional men have adopted, not wholly, of course, but largely, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters as a safe botanic substitute for the pernicious alkaloid. The consequences of this change are most important. Now fever and ague sufferers are cured—formerly their complaints were only for the time relieved, or half cured—the remedy eventually failing to produce any appreciable effect, except the doses were increased. A course of the Bitters, persistently followed, breaks up the worst attacks and prevents their return. The evidence in favor of this sterling specific and household medicine is of no ambiguous character, but positive and satisfactory, and the source whence it proceeds are very numerous.

Northern Sonoma.

The Healdsburg "Enterprise" discusses thus upon the climatic and soil advantages of that section of Sonoma county, and we think the picture is truly drawn: "There is probably no section of California that enjoys greater advantages, for prosperity and health, than Northern Sonoma county can claim. Our lands are all available. The bottom lands of the valleys, through which flow the large streams of Russian River and Dry Creek, are remarkable for their unfailing fertility and adaptability to the culture of fruits, wine and table grapes, hops, alfalfa, etc. They have always produced big crops of corn and cereals; but the rich soil can be put to so much more profitable uses than raising the two last named products, that the wheat and corn fields of yore are gradually being converted into vineyards, orchards, hop fields and alfalfa meadows. The result of this profitable and new departure will be the ultimate conversion of our fine valleys into veritable bee-hives of husbandry, within less than ten years doubling or quadrupling the population of Healdsburg and other towns now nestled in the midst of a section with these unfolding prospects. The best practical evidence of even the present value of these bottom lands is supplied by the fact that the Bailhache, Heald, Hudson and other tracts that of late years have been sold in subdivisions were bought at prices ranging from $200 to $500 an acre, as desirable investments, the buyers for the most part being old residents of this section.

Destructive Grain Fires.

Fire bugs have been working with unusual industry in the great wheat-growing valleys of the State for several weeks past, particularly so in and around Merced. This week the telegraph reports the destruction of a large area of grain on Bear creek, about eight miles west of Merced, and not satisfied with this, burned the large warehouse of C. H. Hoffman and five loaded cars on the track alongside the warehouse in town. Following are the latest dispatches announcing fires:

MERCED, July 14th.—This morning about 5 o'clock the large 400-foot warehouse belonging to C. H. Huffman was burned. At the time of the fire there were about 12,000 tons of grain stored in the building. The principal losers are C. H. Huffman, M. Goldman, A. L. Bickford and Charles Herren. Five cars loaded with grain for shipment were burned where they stood, on a side track. The railroad track was badly damaged by the fire. The total loss to warehouse, wheat and cars is estimated from $200,000 to $275,000, partly insured. The cause of the fire is supposed to be the work of an incendiary. A pile of lumber near the warehouse was set on fire last night, but put out before any damage was done.

LATER—12 midnight—The wheat which was in Huffman's warehouse is still burning. The fire company and hired men are still at work saving the grain which fire has not reached. The total losses cannot be ascertained until to-morrow.

PRINCETON, Cal., July 14th—A fire started to-day on Etter & Hart's ranch, near this town, where they were heading, burning over 200 acres of standing grain, stubble and stacks. The cause of the fire is unknown. Loss, about $1,000; partly insured. A hard fight by 100 men for three hours, and the entire absence of wind, saved an extensive conflagration. The thermometer being 106, the extreme heat prostrated a number.

For Assemblyman.

James McDonnell, Jr. of Sonoma, will be a candidate for the nomination of Assemblyman before the Republican Convention, and will be strongly backed by delegates from this township. Mr. McDonnell is an intelligent, active business man, familiar with the wants of his District, and if elected will undoubtedly make a good representative—Argus.

Though the INDEX-TRIBUNE is not a partisan paper it is not improper for it to give expression of its views as to the standing of an individual in the community in which he lives, and as it is consistent with the true interests of all voters to have good men nominated by each political party for the various offices to be filled, we cannot refrain from saying that Mr. McDonnell is highly esteemed by the people of this locality as a gentleman and a public officer, and should he get nominated for the position mentioned, will doubtless have the support of the full strength of his party at this precinct.

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

TUESDAY, July 6th.

The Board of Supervisors met in the Court House, Tuesday, at 10.30 A. M. All members present and Mr. Ellis in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

On motion of Mr. O'Hara, the Board adjourned until 1 o'clock.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment.

The time of the Board up to 2 o'clock was occupied in the examination of the quarterly reports of the Road Overseers of the various district.

At 2 o'clock, that being the hour set for the hearing of the petition of A. Lancel that the road in Bodega township known as the Meeker grade, be declared a public highway, the matter was taken up by the Board, and postponed.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the Board adjourned to organize as a Board of Equalization.

WEDNESDAY, July 7th.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment at 9 A. M. Members all present and Ellis in the chair.

The minutes of last meeting read and approved

The following reports were received and filed and the bills allowed: H. A. Russell, Road Overseer Santa Rosa road district, $159 48; J. Wiley, Analy, $130 05; B. Clark, Russian River, $109 25; W. F. Harris, Washington, $58 90; G. W. Burris, Mendocino, $142 54; V. Durand, Salt Point, $298 77.

The Meeker road matter was again taken under consideration, and after much discussion it was indefinitely postponed.

The following Road Overseers' reports were received and filed and their bills allowed: J. F. Orr, Ocean township, $141 50; C. Fine, Vallejo, $233 06.

On motion of Mr. Connolly, the bill of J. R. Simmons, Overseer of Redwood township, for $139 70, was allowed.

At 3 o'clock the Board adjourned to convene as a Board of Equalization, and to meet again at the call of the Chair.

THURSDAY, July 8th.

The Board met at 8.15 A. M., in response to the call of the Chair, members all present, Ellis presiding. Minutes of last meeting read and apuroved.

On motion of Mr. Coulter, the quarterly reports of the following Justices of the Peace were received and filed: W. N. Seawell, Santa Rosa township; J. Brown, Santa Rosa; C. H. Cooley, Cloverdale; D. F. Spurr, Cloverdale; T. J. Jones, Russian River; O. T. Baldwin, Petaluma.

On motion of Mr. Allen, F. R. Shell was appointed Justice of the Peace for Analy township to fill the vacancy caused by the death of L. D. Cockrill.

On motion, the following reports were received and filed: R. P. Smith, Jr., County Physician; H. W. Smith, County Jailer; N. King, Coroner, and C. S. Gibson, Poundmaster of Vallejo township.

On motion of Mr. Connolly, a road in Bodega township, known as the Glynn road, was accepted and declared a public highway.

In the matter of the petition of Wm. Howard, A. J. Blainey and others, to vacate and abandon that portion of the county road in Bodega township, known as the Howard Hill road, it was ordered that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

In the matter of the Porter creek school election, Mr. Coulter moved that the papers be referred back to the Board of Trustees of said district with the advice of the Board to meet and canvass the returns of the election and report to this Board its proceedings in the premises. After considerable discussion the motion was carried.

In the matter of the bond and petition of W. B. Reed, T. D. Mann, L. W. Meyer and other citizens of Sonoma township, praying this Board to appoint viewers to view and lay out a public highway in the township of Sonoma, Mr. O'Hara moved that inasmuch as said bond is incomplete, and never having been approved by the Board, the report of the viewers be set aside and said petitioners be requested to file a proper bond for approval, and the Chairman be and is hereby authorized to approve or pass upon said bond, and when the same shall have been approved and filed the Board will proceed to reappoint viewers and lay out said road. So ordered.

On motion of Mr. Connolly, the report of J. R. Simmons, Roadmaster of Redwood township, was received and filed and the bill for $244 65 allowed.

On motion of Mr. O'Hara, J. A. Brewster, J. Law and J. Zane were appointed as a board of viewers to view and lay out a public highway in Sonoma road district, as prayed for by F. Breitenbach, W. B. Reed and others.

The Board adjourned till Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, July 9th.

The Board met at 10 A. M., at the call of the Chair, members all present. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The following offered by Mr. O'Hara, was carried: In the matter of the report, vouchers and bill of Ed. Gillan, Roadmaster of Sonoma road district, I have examined the same, and, believing them correct, I move that the report be received and filed, and the bill of $124 04 allowed.

The following reports, offered by Mr. O'Hara, were also received and filed: G. H. Black, Roadmaster of Cloverdale road district; J. Patrick, Knight's Valley district.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the indigent list was passed with the following apportionments: Petaluma, $92; Santa Rosa, $119; Healdsburg, $35; Sonoma, $30; Cloverdale, $21; Sebastopol, $10; Geyserville, $5; Salt Point, $10; Bodega, $10; Bloomfield, $20; Occidental, $5. Total, $362 50.

In the matter of the petition of J. King and others for change of boundary line between Mill Creek and Lafayette school districts, the same was filed and further action deferred.

On motion of Mr. Coulter, the Auditor was directed to cancel the following warrants: Two, of $10 each in favor of J. Hall, and five, of $5 each, in favor of the Burkhart family, on the Indigent Fund; one, of $201, in favor of Stone and Weaver, on the General Fund.

SATURDAY, July 10th.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment at 9 A. M. All members present. Mr. Ellis presiding. The minutes of preceding meeting read and approved.

In the matter of the grading and leveling the grounds surrounding the Court House, Mr. Coulter moved that S. A. Farmer be employed to clear off the weeds, etc., and reduce the grounds to a true grade. Said work to be done for $85, and ten cents a yard for extra soil required. So ordered.

At 1.40 P. M. the Board adjourned until Monday morning, July 12th at 11.30 A. M.

MONDAY, July 12th.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment at 10.30 A. M. All members present and Mr. Ellis presiding. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

In the matter of the application of C. Blackburn of Petaluma, for a permit to remove the remains of Mrs. C. H. Knox, from the County Farm to Petaluma, Mr. Allen moved that said permit be granted, which was done.

On motion of Mr. Coulter, a warrant was drawn on the indigent fund in favor of Mrs. Beckett of Windsor, for $15.

On motion of Mr. O'Hara, the following reports were approved and filed:

COUNTY AUDITOR'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

To balance on hand		$127,251 42
A. S. Perrine, land sold		7 15
H. L. Cole, fees		3 00
H. L. Cole, location No. 8736		50 00
T. J. Butts, land sold		7 20
W. J. Cunningham, money returned		3 00
F. Breitenbach, fines		13 90
F. Breitenbach, fines		30 50
W. N. Seawell, fines		7 00
T. C. Bishop, fines		8 00
W. N. Seawell, fines		12 00
J. F. Mulgrew, fees of office		346 50
T. C. Bishop, fees of office		141 65
J. F. Naughton, fees of office		349 85
Dr. R. P. Smith, Jr, pay patients		25 00
Geo. Hall, tuition, etc.		138 25
J. W. Wiley, poll taxes		110 50
H. A. Russell, poll taxes		170 00
James Patrick, poll taxes		25 50
W. F. Harris, poll taxes		62 90
R. Gillan, order of Supupervisors		300 00
W. J. Cunningham, poll taxes		255 00
H. A. Russell, poll taxes		170 00
J. F. Naughton, licenses collected		606 75
M. L. McDonald, sale of bonds, int., etc.		273,356 00
State Controller, railroad taxes		1,011 33

DISBURSEMENTS.

Money paid State on settlem't	$ 10,117 38	
Money paid Treas'r, mileage	56 40	
Warrants paid during June		
General fund	6,142 80	
School fund apportionment	14,322 54	
School fund	5 00	
Road fund apportionment	4,834 02	
Indigent fund	1,243 22	
Salary fund	2,824 97	
Register state Lands	18 00	
Balance on hand June 30th	365,191 38	
		$104,555 70

RECAPITULATION.

General fund	29,268 71
School fund apportionment	25,946 41
School fund	353 24
State fund	50 00
Indigent fund	4,221 58
Road fund	292,342 79
Road fund apportionment	3,647 40
Unapportioned fund	1,025 68
Salary fund	
Road fund	1,639 53
Bridge fund	80 14
Teachers' Institute fund	290 50
Court House building fund	255 30
Register State Lands	3 00
Swamp and overflowed land fund	6,166 99
	$365,191 38

Respectfully submitted, J. F. NAUGHTON, County Auditor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECAPITULATION.

Balance in General fund	$ 29,268 71
State fund	50 00
School fund apportionment	25,946 41
School fund	353 24
Indigent fund	4,221 58
Road fund apportionment	3,647 40
Unapportioned fund	1,025 68
Bridge fund	80 14
Teachers' Institute fund	290 50
Court House building fund	255 30
Register State Land fund	3 00
Swamp and overflowed land fund	6,166 99
Sonoma county bond fund	292,342 79
Road fund	1,639 53
Salary fund	000 00
Total	$365,191 38

INDEBTEDNESS OF SONOMA COUNTY.

Amount of Sonoma county bonds outstanding at 4.25 per cent	$293,000 00

Respectfully submitted, G. A. TUPPER, County Treasurer.

At 1.30 P. M., on motion of Mr. Coulter, the Board adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair as a Board of Equalization.

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Coffee, good Costa Rica, 9½ lbs	1 00
Coffee, blended roasted, 4½ lbs	1 00
Coffee, very best Costa Rica roasted, 5½ lbs	1 00
Sugar, Dry Granulated, 12½ lbs	1 00
Sugar, coffee, 17 lbs	1 00
Breakfast Delight or Germea, 4-lb packages	25
Hams, ℔ lb	14
Bacon, light medium, ℔ lb	11½
Bacon, light ℔ lb	13½
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SONOMA INDEX-TRIBUNE.

SATURDAY, JULY 17, 1886.

TOM REYNOLDS.

How a Daring Scout made good his Escape from the Sioux.

[New York Star.]

The nerve, hardihood and daring of the genuine frontier scout was illustrated time after time during General Custer's Indian campaigns by a favorite scout named Tom. Reynolds. He had been in the Indian country for ten or twelve years before Custer attached him to his command, and he bore twenty-two scars of wounds received from red men. He was known to them as "The Snake," and they both hated and respected him. In one of his raids among the strongholds to the south Custer sent Reynolds back to Fort Laramie with dispatches. The scout preferred to go alone, and the fact that the country was alive with Indians was taken by him as a matter of course. He left camp one night soon after dark, mounted on a swift mule and having a ride before him of sixty-five or seventy miles. That was the last seen of him for a week, when he rode into Laramie one day and made his apologies for being detained on the way.

Reynolds made only about fifteen miles the first night, where he had calculated on making forty. On several occasions he narrowly missed riding into bodies of Indians, who seemed to be scouting all over the country, and up to midnight he had to move very slowly. Just after that hour his mule was bitten by a rattlesnake, and the scout turned into a grove of cottonwoods on a little creek to care for him. He had a little package of the Indian weed used to extract the poison, and by morning the mule was better. It would be impossible to move for several days, however, and he settled down to pass the time in the grove. There were Indian signs all about him, and the chances were that he would not be left undisturbed many days. It was a small but dense grove, and the scout and his mule were well hidden from any one skirting the timber.

On the fifth day nine Indians were seen approaching the grove. They watered their ponies at the edge of it, and then turned them loose, built a fire, and made preparations for dinner. Reynolds had made his mule lie down and then covered her with brush, while he retreated to the other side of the grove. The redskins were loafing around for over an hour before anything occurred. They were then joined by twelve others, but as the newcomers did not dismount the scout was in hopes the whole band would soon leave the locality. They were evidently about to do so when Reynolds' mule got up and brayed, a thing he was never known to do before or after in the face of danger. It was accounted for in this instance by the fact that one of the Indians was mounted on a horse which had been stolen from the cavalry, and the mule evidently recognized its presence. The Indians at once raised an alarm, and rushed into the grove. The mule was speedily discovered and led out, and five minutes later the scout quietly surrendered and walked among his captors with smiling face. He might have held them at bay for a time, but the odds were too great to hope for anything turning in his favor.

Several of the Indians recognized Reynolds as "The Snake," and there was great exultation over his capture. An ordinary prisoner would have been insulted and maltreated in the first excitement, but no indignity was offered the scout. He was disarmed, ordered to mount his mule, and the whole body moved to the east. After traveling all the afternoon they reached the north fork of the Platte and went into camp. The scout could speak the Sioux dialect as well as a member of the tribe, and during the journey he kept up a running conversation with the two sub-Chiefs, leading them to believe that he had had a personal quarrel with Custer, and was no longer in his service. He claimed that he was on his way to purchase a trapper's outfit and return to the mountains. While the Indians no doubt kept a sharp eye on him, no one seemed to do so. It was coming on dark as the band reached the creek, and Reynolds was in the midst of them as they dismounted. He swung himself down and seemed to be engaged in removing the saddle, at the same time asking one of the Chiefs why they did not cross over and get better grass. Like a flash he suddenly swung himself into the saddle, and like an arrow the mule darted away. Reynolds had to pass six Indians and their horses before he was clear of the camp, but such were his movements that he was pistol shot away before a shout was uttered or a shot fired. Every Indian then mounted in pursuit, and the foremost kept up a running fire until they were out of ammunition.

The mule seemed inclined to make up for his bad break in the grove, and he drew ahead so fast that at the end of a quarter of an hour Reynolds turned sharply to the right, rode about half a mile, and then man and mule hugged the earth and let the Indians gallop ahead into the darkness. The scout then returned to the stream, crossed it and took a bee line for Fort Laramie, where he arrived next morning. Two arrows struck his saddle, and six bullets clipped his clothing without drawing blood. When he handed his dispatches to the Commandant he humbly exclaimed:

"Ought to hev bin here sooner, but a snake bit Nancy and a band of reds gobbled me. Hope the delay won't make any trouble."

A Swimming Story.

The following swimming story is told by a lieutenant in the navy: "I kept my eyes fixed on my companion, Brown, who was acting in a singular manner. After every few seconds his head would disappear beneath the water in which he stood, then it would appear again. He seemed to be struggling violently. As I approached him, he threw up his hands and cried out, in accents that haunt me still: 'For heaven's sake, lieutenant, quick, and help me!' I dashed out to him, through water up to my waist. 'What is it?—what has hold of you?' I exclaimed. 'It's a big oyster, or a big clam,' he groaned. 'I was wading here and stepped into it, I expect. Its shell closed, gripped my ankle, and, to save my life, I can't get away; and the tide will soon be over our heads here,' he added, with something almost like a sob. He had been struggling here for fifteen or twenty minutes. I had heard of the *tridacna gigas*, or monster clam, of this coast, and instantly realized the danger of his situation. 'Courage old fellow,' I said, 'I'll stick by you. Here, hold this paddle and the hatchet.' I then ducked down under the water, and with my hands felt about his foot. The huge mollusk had what might be termed a death grip on him. The creature's shell was several feet long, and of proportionate breadth, and the weight of the shell-fish must have been at least three hundred pounds. The creature was attached to the coral rock by a grisly bysus as thick as my arm. Raising myself, I got breath, then seizing the paddle, thrust the shaft of it between the converging edges of the two valves of the shell, and, using it as a lever, attempted to pry the shell apart. But I could not open it. Brown, too, ducking down, seized hold with his hands and pulled with all his strength, but exerting all our power, we could not release the monster's hold. Again and again I threw my whole weight on the shaft of the paddle, and at length broke it. By this time the water was up to my shoulders when I stood up. Fully realizing that whalever I did must be done in a few minutes more, else the poor fellow would drown, I snatched the hatchet from Brown's hand, and diving, tried to cut under the shell, to break the creature's anchorage on the rock. With might and main I cut and hacked—then rose an instant for breath—then down and at it again. But it seemed as though I could not cut through the tough muscle. Four times I dived, and with frantic haste, cut at those tough bysus. 'It stirs!' at length Brown cried, bracing his weight upon his free foot and lifting at it. Then, with a final blow, the bysus was severed, and the buoyancy of the water aided us, we dragged the great mollusk—still fast to Brown's ankle—back to higher ground on the reef. Here the water was waist-deep, however, and I looked anxiously around for Mac in the lakatoi. To my inexpressible joy he was close at hand, and between us we lifted Brown, with his now captured captor, into the canoe. Even then we could not—both of us together—pry the valves of the shell apart enough to release Brown's foot, till with the knife we had reached in and completely divided the tridacna—sawing asunder the hinge-muscles at the base of the bivalve. It was truly a gigantic clam; and as a poetic retribution upon it for this attempt on the life of one of our party, we ate a portion of its flesh for our supper, but found it rather tough. Brown's ankle was severely bruised and wrenched, and he suffered for many a day from the vice-like grip of the huge mollusk.

A Proud Mother.

[Washington Critic.]

'Yes,' said Mrs. Richladie, 'my daughter graduates next week.'

'I understand she is at the head of her class?'

'No,' she said, with some sadness, 'she will not be the valetudinarian, but she will take the salutary, and that's nearly as high.'

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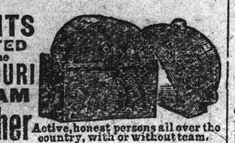

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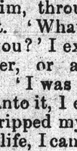

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